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## FOREIGN NEWS

LADYSMITH, March, 21. (Afternoon Service.)—It has been ascertained that the accidental removal of stones covering some Boer graves after the fight at Peters Hill, Feb. 28, revealed thousands of soft-nose bullets.

Princess Christian's hospital train arrived this morning. It was the first train over the new Colenso bridge. The railroad is now open to Elands Laagte, where a camp has been established.

Drankenbeng and Biggarsdorp are closely watched by the British cavalry.

NEW YORK, Mar. 21. (Afternoon Service.)—A dispatch to the World from Pietermaritzburg says:

A temporary bridge across the Tagela at Colenso is now open for traffic and there is at least a direct railway service between Durban and Elands Laagte. The first train to cross the bridge was the Princess Christian's hospital train. This magnificent train has been badly wanted in Natal since the beginning of the war. Major Brazier Creagh's improved hospital train has removed about 4,000 wounded, but though every care was taken the narrow doors of the carriages and the bumping and shunting has caused much pain which with appliances now at hand, may be avoided. There are still over 2,000 patients in the Ladysmith hospital, so the train is not too late.

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, Mar. 21. (Afternoon Service.)—The Federal Council has answered the Boer appeal for mediation as follows:

"The Swiss Federal Council would have been pleased to co-operate in friendly mediation in order to end further bloodshed, but as the Presidents of both South African republics have directly approached the British Government, in order to conclude peace on a basis indicated and the British Government has shown itself against the proposal; and, as furthermore, the British Government has declared to the Cabinet at Washington that it did not propose to accept the intervention of any power, the Swiss Federal Council to its regret, must also renounce the idea of taking any steps on the lines of the request made by the Presidents of the South African republics. There remains for the Federal Council in the circumstances, nothing but to express sincere wish that the belligerents will have succeeded, at no distant date in finding a basis for an understanding honorable to both parties."

LONDON, Mar. 21.—Winston Churchill, in a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg warmly resists the contention that the relief of Ladysmith rose out of Lord Roberts' operations. "On the contrary," he says, "the operations of Lord Roberts were assisted by the fact that General Buller kept 16,000 Boers occupied. It would be a cruel and unworthy thing to deprive the Natal army of their hard-won laurels, and none would more vigorously repudiate such a suggestion than Lord Roberts himself."

LONDON, Mar. 21.—A statement comes from Pretoria admitting that the Boer losses during the war exceed 7,000.

No fresh news has been received from Mafeking, but a Pretoria dispatch dated Thursday, March 15th, asserts, that Colonel Plumer has not been able to advance south of Lobatsi.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—The State Department has been notified by the United States Consul at Vladivostok, the eastern terminus of the Siberian Railway, that the municipality has prepared estimates for twenty miles of electric trolley road, also for water works for the city. The Consul suggests that there is an excellent opportunity here for American bidders.

KINGSTON, (Jamaica), Mar. 20.—The British cruiser Alert arrived here today from Colombian ports. She reports the revolution there in full sway and that British subjects are in need of protection. The Alert is coaling hastily and will return to Colombia.

CALCUTTA, Mar. 21.—The bubonic plague is fast increasing. In Bengal 4,725 deaths occurred last week. These included 744 in Calcutta and 2,044 in Patna.

The Viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, yesterday visited the medical college, which is in one of the infected districts of Calcutta.

Houghton, Mich., Mar. 21.—(Afternoon Service.)—Leading mine managers and engineers from the Transvaal who had visited the copper district since the beginning of the Boer war regard the destruction of mining plants in the Transvaal as highly probable. Mine managers are here to place orders for new equipment immediately after the construction of the old machinery. One Johannesburg mine manager now here has full plans and specifications for a new plant which will cost about 1,000,000. Leading American machinery manufacturers have made conditional bids on probably \$2,000,000 worth of new mining machinery for South African gold mines.

LONDON, Mar. 21.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times announces that the Sultan has yielded "in all essential particulars" to the Russian demands respecting railways concessions in Asia Minor.

PHOENIX, Mar. 19.—President Krueger today discussed the war in a forceful manner, defending the Transvaal in its course and avowing the purpose of his people to fight on to freedom or death. He said:

"The war was forced upon us by England, which has been deceived by Cecil Rhodes and the other mining men who want the country. We yielded as far as possible until we saw that nothing but complete surrender of our independence would satisfy England. Now that the we are fighting we will conquer or die. I do not look for aid from other countries, but we were glad to have their sympathy and friendship. We are willing to make peace at any time, but only on the ground of absolute independence."

## TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

Two new cases of bubonic plague were reported at Sydney, (N. S. W.), on March 20th.

The Chinese authorities admit themselves unable to protect American missionaries in the interior of China, and the United States are in a quandary as to the best method of affording them relief.

The city council at Astoria, Or., have offered a bounty of five cents for every dead rat delivered to the Chief of Police.

An effort is being made to settle the famous Carnegie-Frick suit out of court.

The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs have reported to the Senate the Pacific cable bill drafted by Senator Hale, which provides for a present cable only to Honolulu.

President McKinley will visit San Francisco in July to attend the launching of the Ohio. Governor Nash and many other prominent Ohioans will be present.

The Detroit has sailed from Havana to Greytown to look after American interests there.

The Portuguese authorities have dispatched a force of infantry by special train from Lourenco Marques to reinforce their garrison on the Transvaal border.

Famine in India is increasing. There are now 4,810,000 persons employed in relief work.

It is likely that Captain Leary will be relieved of his gubernatorial duties at Guam on the 1st of July.

In the House it was unanimously agreed on Mar. 10th, to take up the Senate bill providing a territorial form of government for the Hawaiian Islands on April 3, and take a final vote on the amendment on Thursday, April 5, at 4 p. m.

Five deaths recently occurred at Adelaide, South Australia, from what is supposed to be bubonic plague.

Maud S., Bonner's famous trotting mare died recently and was given an imposing funeral.

The 200th anniversary of the opening of the Academy of Science at Berlin was celebrated March 19. Emperor William delivered an address.

The remains of Rev. Thomas K. Beecher were cremated at Buffalo. In accordance with the often expressed wish of Beecher no ceremonies whatever were held.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is preparing to experiment in rubber culture on a large scale on the Hawaiian Islands.

It is rumored that Russia intends to ask Turkey for a coaling station in the archipelago, either in Lemnos, Imbros or Mytilene.

Arrangements are being made for the immediate establishment of a naval station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands.

Bishop Hurst recently announced that President McKinley would at the conclusion of his services as a public officer, accept the position of Professor of International Law in the American University at Washington.

One death and two fresh cases of plague were officially reported at Sydney, Mar. 19.

Cecil Rhodes has sailed from Cape Town to England.

There is no truth in the report that Osman Pasha is dead. He is merely sick.

The Silver Republican party will hold a national convention at Kansas City, July 4th next.

The Canadian and Mexican Governments have declared San Francisco an infected port and will quarantine all vessels coming from there.

There are signs that President Zelaya is willing to sell the canal route outright to the United States.

The Chicago Board of Education has dropped English history from the school curriculum at the demand of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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